

Duxbury man indicted for theft

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A Duxbury man has been indicted on charges that he stole thousands of dollars by selling magazine advertising and then pocketing the proceeds.

According to a statement from Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz, Theodore A. Stamas II, 54, was indicted by a Plymouth County grand jury on one count of larceny over \$250 by single scheme.

Stamas, whose last known address is listed by the district attorney's office as Depot Street, worked as an independent contractor selling ads for South Shore Magazine, which

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is located in Hingham. According to Cruz, Stamas agreed to sell advertising space to customers who would write out a check to Black Rock Advertising, which is a corporate entity for South Shore Magazine. As part of Stamas' contract, he received a commission check that was a percentage of the ad price.

In April 2013, the magazine owner began to notice problems with cash flow and confronted Stamas, who said his advertising customers had not been paying on time. According to Cruz, in December 2013, the magazine contacted all of their clients and learned that they were writing their payment checks directly to Stamas, at his direction. Bank records show that Stamas cashed or deposited at least 50 checks worth tens of thousands of dollars in ad revenue that was never provided to the magazine and was instead allegedly stolen by Stamas. South Shore Magazine published all of the ads for which the clients paid Stamas.

"We are still determining the exact amount of the theft," said Beth Stone of the district attorney's office. Stamas will be arraigned at a later date. The case is being prosecuted by assistant district attorney Keara Kelley and was investigated by Hingham Police.